

The Society of Systematic Zoologists

The Society of Systematic Zoologists was organized in Chicago on 29 December 1947 at a meeting attended by sixty-six systematists.

Waldo L. Schmitt was elected president. A council of seven outstanding taxonomists has been elected by the membership. These are:

Richard Blackwelder  
Alfred E. Emerson  
E. Raymond Hall  
C. F. W. Musebeck  
Orlando Park  
Alfred S. Romer  
Hobart M. Smith

The object of the society shall be to promote the interests of taxonomy and systematic zoology. In carrying out this object it is proposed that the society obtain a voice in national scientific circles; that it exert its influence on taxonomic matters in national and international meetings; that it sponsor discussion or study groups to increase in the fundamental aspects of taxonomy; that it serve as a clearing-house to obtain discussion, study, and support of projects of interest or importance to taxonomists; and that it help bring taxonomists together for mutual benefit by issuing directories and news letters, encouraging the exchange of ideas, and holding an informal annual meeting for personal contact.

At present 286 charter members have been enrolled in the society. At the organizational meeting it was decided to enroll charter members until the time of the next meeting. Any one interested in systematic zoology is urged to request application blanks from the Secretary, G. W. Wharton, Department of Zoology, Duke University, Durham, N.C.

The next meeting of the society will be held at 10:00 A.M., 12 September 1948 in Washington, D.C.